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FROM : Acting Chief of Mission, Buenos Aires
SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational
SPECIFIC— Jan DURCANSKY

DATE 1 September 1954

There is submitted herewith Part I of the Personal Record Questionnaire on subject. Additional information will follow in a subsequent pouch.

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PART I - BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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Instruction: 1. Write clearly.
2. Answer all questions completely. If question does not apply, write "not applicable"
3. Attach blank pages if additional space is needed.

1. Full Name Jan (Juan) DURCANSKY
First Middle Last

2. Name in native script _____ [REDACTED]

3. Name at birth (if different from 1.) _____

4. Aliases, nicknames, legal changes (State briefly time, reason and place of use.) Subject assumed name "Jan DUBRAVKA" in 1946 to escape Communist persecution. He was in Rome, Italy, at that time. About 1949 he had the Argentine courts restore to him his true name.

5. a. Date of birth 16 February 1902 b. Place of birth Rajec, Slovakia

6. Present citizenship, race if appropriate Argentine

7. Nationality at birth and any subsequent nationalities (if different from 6.) Austro-Hungarian (1902-1918), Czechoslovakian (1918-1939), Slovak (1939-1945)

8. Present residence (Owner, tenant, sub-tenant.) Avenida 17 de Octubre 2182, Federal Capital.

9. Permanent address (if different from 8.) --

10. Present occupation (full title, salary etc.) Clerk in the Direccion Nacional de Migraciones (National Bureau of Migration. Salary: 1460 pesos monthly.

11. Naturalization of subject or of close relatives in the United States.
(Give date and name in which certificate granted.) Unknown

12. Relatives, friends, correspondents in United States. (Explain relationship) See para. 31

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13. Father - full name, occupation, present residence, year and place

of birth, nationality at birth and subsequent nationalities.

George DURCANSKY. Served for a number of years as national senator in
Czechoslovakia, representing the Halinka Party. Further details not
known. [REDACTED]

14. Mother - same information as 13.

Not known.

15. Wife (or husband) - full name, maiden name, date and place of birth,

date and place of marriage, nationality at birth and any subsequent

nationalities, present residence, divorce, annulment. (Give data

for all previous marriages.)

Subject's wife (name unknown) is living in Nitra, Czechoslovakia,
at present.

16. Children - full names, sex, year and place of birth, nationality

at birth and any subsequent nationalities, present residence.

Subject has three children, all of whom are living with their mother
in Czechoslovakia.

17. Brothers and sisters - Same information as 16.

Ferdinand DURCANSKY, born at Rajec, Slovakia, 18 December 1906; subject's
only brother, was formerly professor of International Law at Bratislava
University, and served as Minister of Foreign Relations of the autonomous
Slovak Government (March 1939-May 1940). At present he lives in Munich,
Germany, serving as Chairman of the Slovak Liberation Committee.
Subject has a married sister living in Czechoslovakia.

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18. Relatives in service of any government, names and positions held.

None known.

19. List all official identity papers held with dates, numbers, place of issue

and duration of validity.

Subject was issued identity documents by the International Red Cross
in Rome, Italy, in 1946.

20. Religion - degree practiced, membership in religious orders
Devout Roman Catholic.

21. Present and past political affiliations

Subject was president of the Bratislava sector of the Halinka Party
during the period 1939-1945. This party was strongly Catholic and
pro-Slovak independence.

22. Travel outside country of present residence - country, dates,
purpose, people and firms visited

1945 - Subject and brother went from Czechoslovakia to Austria.

1946 - Subject moved from Austria to Rome, Italy.

Aug. 1947 - Subject arrived in Argentina from Italy.

23. Education - school, location, course, degree, dates

High school at Nitra, Czechoslovakia.

University of Bratislava, Doctor of Law degree, 1926.

24. Languages and dialects (indicate proficiency as good, fair, poor.)

Language Slovak Speak good Read good Understand good

Language Czech Speak good Read good Understand good

Language Hungarian Speak good Read good Understand good

German fair fair fair

Spanish poor fair fair

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25. Military service - dates, country, unit, rank, duty, where services performed, decorations, when discharged, why. Give details if ever prisoner of war

Unknown.

26. Present and past membership in organizations (professional, social, political, etc.)

See paragraph 21 above. Subject is a member of the Executive Committee of the Slovak Liberation Committee.

27. Special skills, abilities, hobbies (radio, photography, etc.)

Unknown

28. Financial status - earnings, bank deposits, securities, property

Subject's financial status appears to be lower middle class.

29. Employment history - type of work, salary, dates, employers, addresses, reasons for leaving. Include employment by any government.

1931-1939 Legal practice, Bratislava, Czechoslovakia

1939-1945 Notary public, Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. He left Bratislava in 1945 shortly before the Russian troops entered. Jan. 1949 to present: Clerk in the Direccion Nacional de Migraciones (National Bureau of Migration), of the Argentine Government.

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29. (Continued)

30. Has subject done any writing? Give details including titles of books, articles, publishers, dates.

Unknown

31. List persons living at same address, close associates, (individuals or groups,) correspondents at home and abroad.

✓ John SMUTNY, 614 East 136th Street, Los Angeles, California
Slovak Information Service, 21-50 Hazen St., No. Jackson Heights, N.Y., N.Y.
Slovak Liberation Committee, 2264 Walton Avenue, New York 53, N.Y.
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32. List five character references.

✓ Ref. P. Rudolf DILONG OFM, Collegio Antoniano, Via Merulana 124, Rome, Italy.

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33. Court record - court, date, arrests, charges, punishments, sentences, acquittals, denazification, etc.

Subject was arrested by the French occupation authorities in Austria and held for four months during 1945-1946. Causes for this arrest are not known.

34. Description (Use American standards of measurement, if possible.)

Age	52	Posture	erect
Apparent age	52	Weight	140 lbs
Height	5'5"	Teeth	--
Eyes	--	Hair	black
Face - shape	round	Scars	--
Complexion	dark	Build	small but with normal proportions
Sex	male		
General appearance	apt to appear shabby and graceless		
Prominent features	usually wears glasses. Has bushy mustache.		
Other identifying features			

35. Other miscellaneous biographical data and comments.

- a. Subject is an ardent Slovak nationalist, although he is now a naturalized Argentine citizen. He dislikes Czechs.
- b. Subject's address in Bratislava was Donnerova 14.
- c. Further personality data on subject may be contained in his application for a U.S. Immigration Visa, now on file at the American Consulate General, Munich, Germany.
- d. ~~Photograph of subject is attached.~~

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